

Meeting Notes: Governor's Forest Health ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, October 14th, 2004, 1:30 p.m.
Graham County General Services Building
921 Thatcher Blvd - Safford, AZ 85546

- 1) Call to order
 - a. 1:35 p.m.
- 2) Review and vote on minutes from the **9.9.04** meeting
 - a. Marty moves and Lori seconds motion to approve
 - i. Approved with name corrections
- 3) Subcommittees
 - a. Reports
 - i. Land Use & Wildland Fire - Don Falk
 1. No report
 - a. Dr. Swetnam would like to be added to the Land Use & Wildland fire sub.
 - ii. Mapping & Assessment - Kathy Hemenway
 1. Meeting again on Nov 17th at Tonto Sup. Office
 2. Az Fire map letter from kirk asking others for treatment data
 3. State cartographers office would like assist on filling in data
 - iii. Monitoring & Evaluation - Ed Smith
 1. No report
 - iv. Policy - Lori Faeth
 1. Lot splits and State Forester's responsibilities will be primary goals.
- 4) Sitgreaves and Apache Community Wildfire Protection Plans
 - a. Community Wildfire Protection Plan Handbook developed for the National Forests/County Partnership Restoration Program
 - i. Richard Remington
 1. See PowerPoint
 - a. Hindsight report could be useful to help out the next community...
 - b. Meeting with Navajo County on the 19th to determine that the handbook is ready to be made available to public
- 5) Bobbe Fitzgibbon
 - a. Entomologist, US Forest Service, Southwest Region 3, Forest Health Protection Project
 - i. See PowerPoint Presentation (BUGS)
 1. Changes, what's being done, widespread, fast mortality driven etc.
 2. Perhaps a white paper on this series of changes... ***
 - a. Climate, human dev, forest structure are all equal drivers in the current situation.
 - b. It seems that the 'global warming' scenario is beginning to play out and perhaps this is another way to illustrate that fact
 - c. Thinning will in fact improve the gloomy forest mortality rate (insect caused).
 - d. Workshop on a burned area and discuss impact on society. Closing of towns, electricity, business, etc.

- e. California provides an interesting example of how to project fire behavior as a result of temperature increase...
 - i. Some sort of statement should be made from the council on the issue. Perhaps this information could be made to the Legislature and Congressional delegation to help educate them****
 - ii. TAYLOR will begin a white paper – Should include the temp, bugs, fire and lack of resources and emphasize that AZ is in the most danger of losing their coniferous forests more so than any other.
 - iii. Paper should detail the direct impacts and management actions.
 - iv. Taylor will set up outline, Carl will work with Anne Lynch, CLIMAS (NOAH funded) – Taylor will coordinate. (ONE WEEK)***

6) Pinalino Ecosystem Restoration Project

- a. Larry Jones, Coronado National Forest
 - i. SEE PowerPoint Presentation

7) Future meeting dates and locations

- a. Fall/Winter 2004 schedule
 - i. November 9th or 4th - Phoenix
 - 1. State Lands Office
 - ii. December 9th - Cancelled?
 - iii. January 13th -
 - iv. February 10th -

8) Call to the Public

9) Adjournment

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CO-CHAIRS

Beth Zimmerman – Department of Emergency and Military Affairs
Taylor McKinnon – Grand Canyon Trust

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Diane Vosick – Ecological Restoration Institute, NAU
Rep. Tom O'Halleran – Arizona House of Representatives

*Co-Chairs reserve the right to amend the agenda without notice.